

# MAKING A COMMONWEALTH

## WHAT THE GOOD PEOPLE ARE DOING ALONG THE PANHANDLE EXTENSION.

Woodward and Alva the Western Capitals are Rapidly Marching On to a Great Destiny.

Fine Business Buildings—No Contests—Progressive Business Men—Resourceful Surroundings—Water in Abundance—A Climate Unsurpassed—Excellent Commercial Facilities and Every-body Pulling Together.

In the rush for homes in the Cherokee strip the majority of boomers went in along the Santa Fe and Rock Island routes. It was a mighty good thing for the citizens of Alva and Woodward that the result was that Alva and Woodward are probably more prosperous than any towns in the strip. They certainly are not overdeveloped, there is no useless floating population, there is no inflation, there are no contests, and probably nine out of every ten business men in each of the towns own their own business buildings and lots. The citizens of Alva are mostly all Kansans, while Woodward is made up of a mixture of Kansans and Texans, all of whom are now Oklahoma men. In the land district of Alva which embraces all of county "M," there are already 35,000 filings made, which shows that it is occupied for agricultural purposes. In the land district of Woodward the filings made on farms are not so numerous and probably will never reach that number. Alva will be the center of an agricultural territory and, by the way, it contains some of the best land in Oklahoma. Woodward will be the center of a stock raising region and as such has a bright future, for there is not a finer cattle country lying out of doors than county N. There is enough good agricultural territory in county N. to make farming a very important industry, however, for the cattle raising will always make a good live market there for farm products. The Alva district will also be used extensively for cattle raising as the grasses and water are excellent for that industry.

The fact is the western part of the strip is destined to develop two large cities and Woodward and Alva, sixty miles apart. They each contain about 1000 inhabitants and are the most substantially built cities in the territory. The buildings are all good and are finished permanently. A majority of them are plastered and nicely painted, which is a unusual thing in some of the other towns. Alva is built in compact form around a spacious and beautiful public square. It is centrally located on the south bank of the Santa Fe river and within less than two miles of springs sufficient to supply water to a city of 20,000 inhabitants. It is one of the few towns in the strip, if not the only one, which has no rival—there is only one Alva and the people are all there. It is the government town-site and there are less than five cents on a 1200 lots. It has good railroad accommodations and is equipped with every facility in the building of a city. Woodward is not built like any other town in the strip. It is all one street, about two miles long, but the indications are that it will get together one of these days and become one of the handsomest



SCHOOL HOUSE, WOODWARD.

towns in Oklahoma, as the site is handsome. It is division headquarters for the Panhandle extension of the Santa Fe road and the supply point for the military post near by. The amount of freight handled there every year for Camp Supply exceeds 7,000,000 pounds, and its transportation and handling is a great source of revenue to Woodward.

Woodward is built on the south bank of the North Canadian river, and the country round about abounds in live springs. It is also supplied liberally with timber, and is destined to become a great stock raising country.

Below are given a few sketches of the enterprise and business of the citizens of Alva and Woodward, which are conservative and show the progress made by these two cities during the last two months:



YORK-KEY MERCANTILE CO.

Among the largest commercial houses in the Indian territory is the York-Key Mercantile company of Woodward. This firm sells everything and is so linked with the history of the frontier that it is almost idle to say anything about it beyond the mere fact that it is located at Woodward. The firm operates many stores and understands the transaction of mercantile pursuits in a new country better, perhaps, than any other firm in the southwest. They operated at Fort Griffin, Texas, Dodge City, Caldwell and Kiowa during the early days of the cattle industry and a branch of the house is still at Kiowa, Dodge City and El Reno. The Woodward house is managed by A. W. H. H. who was manager of the big Caldwell concern twelve years ago. He is a remarkably clever gentleman and as fine a business man as ever set foot in the Indian territory. He is polite and genial and is esteemed very highly by a wide acquaintance in the southwest. His friends extend far into Texas. The company has just put up a building at Woodward seventy feet deep and thirty feet wide and will occupy it in a few days.



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FLOUR AND FEED.

One of the bright young business men of Woodward is W. H. Berry, Jr., dealer in flour, feed, provisions, etc. He carries an immense stock of goods and owns his own building, a fine frame structure, 25x50 feet in dimensions. Mr. Berry is only 18 years old, and yet he is regarded as one of the solidest and most enterprising citizens of Woodward. He is the son of W. H. Berry, the well known Wellington business man who was elected Clerk of that city for three consecutive terms. Will, Jr., inherits all the popular traits and business ability of his father, and Woodward is to be congratulated on having him for one of her business men.



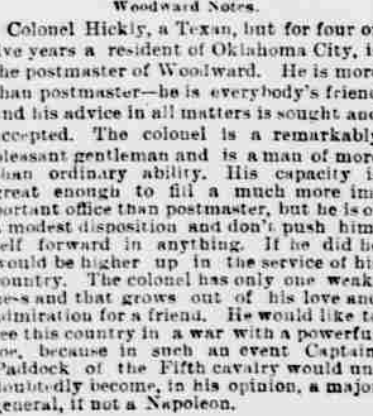
WOODWARD HOTEL.

The prince of Woodward is W. B. Clarkson. He is the center of the city and the monarch of all the people's hearts. Mr. Clarkson, with his nephew, a very fine young gentleman, operates the railroad eating house at Woodward, a beautifully furnished building with about twenty rooms and all modern appointments. Since the opening he feeds on an average of 150 persons daily. His wife, a charming lady, fills the house with sunshine and hospitality reigns supreme under their rule. The table is elaborately supplied and a large spread of the most delicious food is served to the table of a metropolitan hotel. Mr. Clarkson is in Woodward since the railroad entered there about six years ago, and he takes an enthusiastic interest in the affairs of the thriving young city. Mr. Clarkson is a native of the Southland and hospitality is his religion.



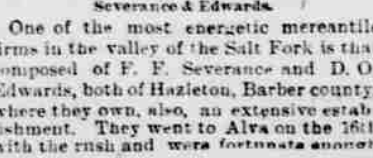
JUDGE HAMMOCK'S HOUSE.

The register of the land office at Woodward is Hon. W. M. Hammock, ex-circuit judge of one of the influential districts of Tennessee. He was born in Texas in 1857, and, although only 36 years of age, he has held in his time very many important evidences of the esteem in which his fellow citizens held him. He is a fine, large-hearted, blunt gentleman, endowed with all the hospitable and warm-hearted traits of the south. He has erected a small but neat house in which to reside, and has it nicely furnished. He is very popular with the people of Woodward, because he mingles in their affairs and does everything in his power to advance their interests.



WOODWARD HOTEL.

Colonel Hickley, a Texan, but for four or five years a resident of Oklahoma City, is the postmaster of Woodward. He is more than postmaster—he is everybody's friend and his advice in all matters is sought and accepted. The colonel is a remarkably pleasant gentleman and is a man of more than ordinary ability. His capacity is great enough to fill a much more important office than postmaster, but he is of a modest disposition and does not push himself forward in anything. If he did he would be higher up in the service of his country. The colonel has only one weakness—and that grows out of his love and admiration for a friend. He would like to see this country in a war with a powerful foe, because in such an event Captain Hickley of the Fifth cavalry would undoubtedly become, in his opinion, a major general, if not a Napoleon.



SEVERANCE AND EDWARDS GROCERIES.

to pick up the lot on the corner of Main and D streets, where they are doing business. Mr. Severance is the resident manager of the business and is one of the most popular citizens of Alva. They do a wholesale and retail business in staple and fancy groceries, flour, feed and provisions. They sell an immense amount of flour at wholesale and supply nearly every merchant along the Panhandle road.



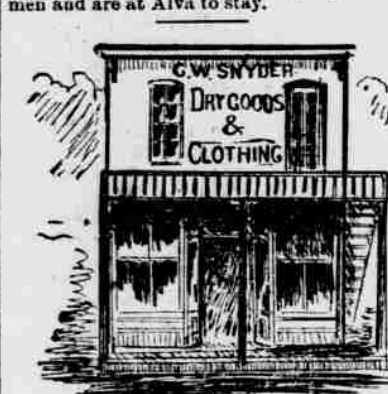
HARDWARE &amp; BOUGHMAN.

This firm consists of Eugene Hardwick of Kiowa, and Fred Boughman of Amarillo, Tex., two of the cleverest young men that have ever catered to the men needing refreshments. They have as fine a stock of liquors, cigars and mineral waters as any firm in the territory, and are so clever behind the bar that St. John himself could not resist anything with them. "The Cabinet" is the name of their saloon and it is the resort of nearly all the high-toned citizens of Alva. They went in on the 16th and own their own property.



NOBLE &amp; CASE HARDWARE.

Hardware is probably the liveliest business in the Cherokee strip and one will find more energetic business men engaged in it than in any other line. Among those who are more than holding their own in the firm of Noble & Case, who are right in the center of Main street in an elegant building of their own. H. H. Case and H. E. Noble went to Alva from Medicine Lodge where they were engaged in business and doing well. They have a complete stock of everything in the hardware line, farm implements and vehicles of all kinds. Personally they are elegant gentlemen and are at Alva to stay.



C. W. SNYDER DRY GOODS &amp; CLOTHING.

One of the largest dry goods and clothing houses in the strip is that just established at Alva by G. W. Snyder of Coldwater. He has just erected a splendid two-story building, 25x70 feet, and his purpose is to fill it from the floor to the ceiling with merchandise, including everything in the dry goods, clothing and gent's furnishings line. He is well up in the business, and understands the trade of the new country.



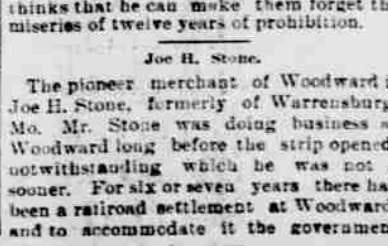
HOTEL ALVA.

The Alva hotel contains sixteen rooms, an office, dining room, kitchen and parlor, and every square inch of each is full of good cheer. At the door you are met with a smile and made to feel at home the moment you cross the threshold, and all the time for \$1.50 per day. The table is good, the beds are warm and everything is as clean as the proverbial new pin. The hotel is located on the southwest corner of the public square and is run by D. T. Dennis and J. D. Hawkins, two of the cleverest men that ever wore sole leather.



PISON &amp; McHENRY OF ALVA.

Sawyer, Pratt county, did a mighty good thing for the thirty citizens of Alva when it gave them Pison & McHenry, proprietors of the principal refreshment resort on Main street, nearly opposite the land office. The place is in charge of Ike McHenry, and a merrier soul never kicked a cocktail. Ike informed the EAGLE reporter that nothing closes his bar but the best of everything, and showed him to prove his assertion. Ike says that this is the original saloon, and in addition to it he has a lunch counter attached. Ike wants every Kansan man to call and see them, for he thinks that he can make them forget the miseries of twelve years of prohibition.



JOE H. STONE.

issued a permit to do business there. Notwithstanding his monopoly of the trade, he sold goods at prices pleasing to the state and this fact has made him one of the most popular merchants in the southwest. He carries an immense stock of



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goods, embracing everything in the general merchandise line. He is a remarkably bright young gentleman and whatever he says in the affairs of Woodward carries with it more than usual weight and influence. He owns his own building in a central location—so central that the post-office is located in it.



J. R. FOLLETT &amp; CO.

Kansas business enterprises are the foremost in the Cherokee strip and among those at the head of the column are J. R. Follett & Co., who carry a fine general line of hardware and implements. Mr. Follett is a resident of Barber county, being in business at Hazleton, but he has a resident manager at Alva, J. A. Scandlin, who represents him admirably and does a very successful business. The company is a strong one, and they have the nearest store in Alva. It is located on the corner of Main and D streets and faces on the fine spacious public square.



CROWELL BROS. LUMBER.

Ranking among the best business men of the Cherokee strip are Crowell Bros., dealers in lumber, coal, floor and grain. They have yards at Pond Creek as well as at Alva and are doing a slashing business. At Alva they are supplied with a pair of wagon scales, the first scales put in in the Cherokee strip. Mr. George W. Crowell, the resident manager at Alva is chairman of the board of county commissioners and is alive to the interests of the county and his people.



CASH GROCERY.

Charlie Hobbie is the champion grocery man of the Cherokee strip. On the 16th day of September he went into Alva with the rush, having \$40 worth of groceries, and two months thereafter he found that he had sold a trifle over \$5,000 worth of goods. If any other man in the territory could beat that record let him hold up his hand. Mr. Hobbie is a business man and if he had the opportunity he would become a Jay Gould. He has now one of the finest stocks of groceries in western Oklahoma, and his store is crowded from morning till night with the rush, and in this respect is the pioneer. Mr. Hobbie was in business at Kiowa before going to the strip. He is a very clever gentleman, and an energetic young business man as can be found in the territory.

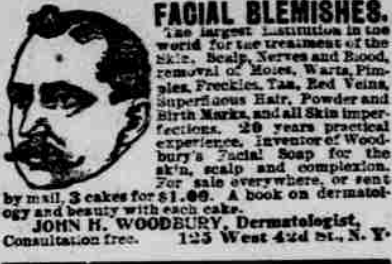
L. A. Salter, formerly of Argonia, is one of the prominent attorneys of Alva and has a large practice. He is reputed to be one of the best land attorneys in the district and as he is thoroughly reliable in all matters entrusted to him he is kept busy all the time.

Among the live lumber merchants are Herbert brothers, formerly of Attila. They are in Alva permanently and have done an immense business owing to the rapid growth of the city and their own energy and efforts. They are young and active and as business men are keeping pace with the rapid growth of the country.

Sam Johnson, formerly of Wichita, is the postmaster of Alva and like all Wichita men he is in advance. He has the best appointed postoffice in the territory, fully equipped up in metropolitan style and notwithstanding the fact that he is a Democrat he is giving the very best satisfaction.

Miss Lulu Jensen, formerly of Wichita, is one of the popular ladies of Alva. She keeps a private boarding house and is patronized by the land office force, the professional, and, in fact, the cream of the city.

Dr. Murphy, formerly of McPherson, is at Alva with the finest furnished drug store in the Cherokee strip.



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ENTREES.  
Bell Fritters, Lemon Sauce.  
Minced Ham, Chocolate Marangue.  
VEGETABLES.  
Mashed Potatoes, Pickled Beets.  
Baked Sweet Potatoes.  
DESSERT.  
Green Apple Pie, Coconut Pie.  
Banana Ice Cream.  
Grapes, Apples, Bananas, Milk.  
Tea.  
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Meals 25 cents. Day Board \$3.50 per week.



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